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Medical

X-ray treatment in the General Hospital.

*79 Q.—Dr. B. S. Mallayya: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether Diwan Bahadur G. Narayanaswami Chetti was treated in the X-ray department of the General Hospital in May 1927 and for how long;

(*b*) what was the amount obtained from him for the treatment;

(*c*) whether this treatment led to blisters on the back of the patient and whether he consulted Colonel Bradfield for the purpose;

(*d*) what was the amount collected from the paying patients in the X-ray department in the years 1924 to 1927; and

(*e*) how much of it was credited to the Government each year?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) The Government have no information.

(*d*) & (*e*)—

Year.	Amount collected.	Amount credited to Government.
	RS.	RS.
1924	13,970	3,589
1925	15,220	3,899
1926	17,035	4,361
1927	17,920	4,547

Note.—The figures include also the fees received by the staff of the Institute for X-ray work done outside the Institute.

Dr. B. S. Mallayya:—"May I know from the hon. the Minister for Public Health whether there are any registers maintained in the Medical Department showing the number of patients treated and the diseases for which they were treated?"

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar:—"Naturally there should be."

Dr. B. S. Mallayya:—"If there are such registers, then why is it impossible to trace the name of such a great man as Diwan Bahadur G. Narayanaswami Chetti in the registers?"

The hon. the President:—"The Government never said so; they say they have no information. That is all."

Dr. B. S. Mallayya:—"Then will the hon. Minister be pleased to call for the information at least for to-morrow, since Mr. Narayanaswami Chetti is on the phone."

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar:—"I am afraid the answer for this question will not serve any purpose and so I do not propose to call for it."

Dr. B. S. Mallayya:—"Is the hon. Minister aware that my statement was contradicted and that I knew personally that the Diwan Bahadur was treated in the Hospital, that he was maltreated and that he gave a cheque—I saw that myself. And now for the Government to come forward and say 'We have no information' is not fair on their part."